



## Proposed Code Change

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
CODE SERVICES SECTION  
302 W. Washington Street Room W246  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

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(KEY – ~~Dashed line through material to be deleted~~, underline material to be added)

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| Code Title<br>IRC 2009   |   | Edition<br>2009       |
| Section number and title<br>R310 Emergency escape and rescue openings  |   | Page<br>58            |
| Proponent<br>Phil Gettum   | Title<br>President, Gettum Associates, Inc. |                       |
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| PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)   |   |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Add</b> to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution  |   |                       |
| Delete "habitable attics" from the first sentence of section #R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue required.   |   |                       |
| REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT   |   |                       |
| <p>A habitable attic is by definition a place to be used for storage, not unlike a large walk-in closet found in other areas of a typical home. Currently, no emergency egress requirements exist for walk-in closets, regardless of size. A "habitable attic" is not a "living space" until such time as it is converted into a living space which would then require the converted space to comply with all the requirements contained in those sections of this code involving light, ventilation, egress, smoke detection and other pertinent requirements. The code currently provides requirements necessary to make a change in use from attic to living space at the time that said change is made or approved. It is unreasonable to expect a homeowner to be forced by code to invest in features which may never be needed or used.</p> <p>This code change will provide cost relief to those homeowners who may not wish to invest in costs for features they may never use.</p> |   |                       |
| REVIEW RECOMMENDATION  |   |                       |
| Approve 19-3 7/30/09   |   |                       |
| Disapprove   |   |                       |
| Approve as amended   |   |                       |
| Further Study Tabled 23-1-0 6/11/09 and 7/9/09   |   |                       |